

1 28. An electronically controlled method of composing information comprising the
2 steps of:

3 forming multiple information segments into an input information series and
4 passing the information series into and through a transfer location in which each
5 segment is visibly displayed for a defined time interval; and

6 then modifying the defined time interval before again displaying the same
7 information segments at the transfer location for the purpose of copying them to an
8 output.

29. The method of Claim 28 wherein after the change in setting of the dwell time
the input sequence is repetitively moved into and through the transfer location.

30. The method of Claim 28 wherein each information segment is an
alphanumeric character.

31. The method of Claim 29 wherein each information segment is an
alphanumeric character.

REMARKS

Claims 6-16 have been withdrawn and replaced with new Claims 17-31.

The rejection of Claims 6-16 on the Durrani patent and excerpt from Word
Perfect is noted and is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the new claims are
clearly and patentably distinguished over the references.

According to Applicant's method the user need only watch a single location and
selectively push a button or other control for copying desired information segments into
an output. There is no keyboard to manipulate; no mouse; and no joy-stick. There is
no need for the operator to learn a complex computer program.

According to the invention the action to be taken by the operator during each dwell time is to make a decision to copy, or not copy, the particular information segment that is then being displayed in the transfer location.

Furthermore, according to Applicant's method the user may adjust the decision time that is available to her or him for making each copying selection.

Adjustment of the decision time -- identified in most of the claims as "dwell time" -- is the essence of the invention. Not all persons have the same or even closely similar physical and mental capabilities. Operation of the method of the present invention may be customized to suit the capabilities of the particular user.

Applicant's novel method is useful as an educational method or as a game of skill. The operator may choose the level of skill at which he or she wishes to play the game. The input information sequence is somewhat like a freight train that is rushing toward someone at a fixed rate of speed. The dwell time for each decision may be selected at one or two seconds, or some other period of time, to suit the wish and capability of the individual operator.

Adjustment of the dwell time is very important, because it may be chosen to accommodate both the mental and physical speed of the operator in making selections.

Applicant's invention is particularly important for use by disabled persons. A person who is disabled may not have the physical capacity to conveniently operate a keyboard, a mouse, or a joy stick. Or, the disability may result from difficulty in seeing accurately. Yet it may well be within the capability of that person to perform necessary operations, one at a time, with a single finger.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of composing information in which multiple information segments are formed into an input information series that is passed through a transfer location in which each segment is visibly displayed for a defined time interval. The defined time interval is then modified, and thereafter the input information series is again passed through the transfer location, allowing an operator the modified time interval to make a possible decision on copying each information segment to an output.

Favorable action is solicited.

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